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USUN FOR AMBASSADOR BENNETT FROM CARGO

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN CREDENTIAL

REF: USUN 5639

1. I DOUBT THAT WE CAN MOVE THE NEPALESE FURTHER ON THE CAMBODIAN ISSUE. WE HAVE GIVEN THEM OUR JUDGMENT AND VIEWS VERY CLEARLY AND FIRMLY AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING THE PALACE. IN THE END, THEY WERE PREPARED TO ABSTAIN ON A PROCEDURAL MOTION TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION BUT THEY DID NOT ALTER THEIR DECISION TO SUPPORT SIHANOUK ON ANY SUBSTANTIVE VOTES WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE. THEY WILL REGARD A STRAIGHT VOTE ON CREDENTIALS AS A SUBSTANTPWE VOTE. THIS GON DECISION IN MY VIEW IS EVEN LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO CHANGE AT THIS POINT IN VIEW OF (1) THE MEETING OF THE KING AND FOREIGN MINISTER KARKI WITH THE GRUNK "FOREIGN MINISTER" DURING THE KING'S VISIT TO PEKING, SMND (2) THE REPORTS CARRIED BY THE SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS IN NEPAL OF NEPALESE

SUPPORT FOR SIHANOUK AT THE UN. ON LATTER POINT, RISING NEPAL CARRIED THE STORY UNDER THE LEAD: "NEPAL WILL VOTE
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FOR PRINCKOSIHANOUK'S GOVERNMENT AS THE ONLY LEGAL GOVERN-

MENT OF CAMBODIA WHEN THIS ISSUE COMES UP FOR DISCUSSION
AT THE UNITED NATIONS."

2. IF DEPARTMENT SO INSTRUCTS, WE WILL OF COURSE GIVE IT
ANOTHER TRY, BUT WE HAVE
ALREADY GIVEN THE NEPALESE A CON-
SIDERABLE BARRAGE ON TTDS ISSUE AND THEY ARE IN NO DOUBT
ABOUT OUR VIEWS AND THE STRENGTH OF OUR CONVICTIONS.
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